

What is claimed is:

1. An article of footwear for sand sports comprising, in combination;
an outsole;
an upper secured to the outsole, having a first toe pocket configured to receive a big toe of a user and a second toe pocket configured to receive at least some of the remaining toes of the user;
and
a wrap extending around a midfoot portion of the outsole and the upper, and around a heel portion of the upper.
2. The article of footwear of claim 1, further comprising a releasable strap extending over the wrap across the midfoot portion of the upper.
3. The article of footwear of claim 2, wherein a first end of the strap is secured to a medial side of the wrap and a second end of the strap is releasably secured to a lateral side of the wrap.
4. The article of footwear of claim 2, wherein the strap is releasably secured to the wrap with a fastener.
5. The article of footwear of claim 4, wherein the fastener is a hook and loop fastener.
6. The article of footwear of claim 5, wherein a hook portion of the hook and loop fastener is secured to one of the strap and the wrap, and a loop portion of the hook and loop fastener is secured to the other of the strap and the wrap.

7. The article of footwear of claim 2, wherein the strap comprises:
a first portion secured to a medial side of the wrap;
a d-ring secured to the first portion; and
a second portion having a first end and a second end, the first end being secured to a lateral side of the wrap, the second portion extending through the d-ring and the second end being releasably secured to the first end.
8. The article of footwear of claim 1, wherein the upper is formed of a flexible textile material.
9. The article of footwear of claim 1, wherein the upper is formed of a knit textile and spandex blend.
10. The article of footwear of claim 1, wherein the wrap is formed of knit textile and spandex blend coated with polyurethane.
11. The article of footwear of claim 1, wherein the outsole is formed of neoprene foam.
12. The article of footwear of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of cleats secured to a lower surface of the outsole.
13. The article of footwear of claim 12, wherein at least some of the cleats have a concave sidewall.
14. The article of footwear of claim 12, wherein at least some of the cleats are formed of a thermoplastic polymer.

15. The article of footwear of claim 12, wherein at least some of the cleats are adhesively secured to the outsole.

16. The article of footwear of claim 12, wherein at least some of the cleats are molded with the outsole.

17. The article of footwear of claim 12, comprising a pair of cleats positioned on a lateral side of a heel portion of the outsole and a pair of cleats positioned on a medial side of the heel portion of the outsole.

18. The article of footwear of claim 12, wherein the cleats have a substantially rectangular shape.

19. The article of footwear of claim 18, wherein at least some of the cleats have a concave sidewall.

20. The article of footwear of claim 18, further comprising:

a first pair of cleats positioned on a lateral side of a heel portion of the outsole, a longitudinal axis of each of the first pair of cleats extending substantially parallel with a lateral edge of the heel portion; and

a second pair of cleats positioned on a medial side of the heel portion of the outsole, a longitudinal axis of each of the second pair of cleats extending substantially parallel with a medial edge of the heel portion.

21. The article of footwear of claim 18, further comprising:

a third pair of cleats positioned on a medial side of a forefoot portion of the outsole forwardly of the wrap, a longitudinal axis of each of the second pair of cleats extending substantially parallel with a medial edge of the forefoot portion;

a first medial cleat positioned inwardly of a rearmost cleat of the third pair of cleats, the first medial cleat extending inwardly from its rear end at an angle with respect to the medial edge of the forefoot portion;

a second medial cleat positioned forwardly of the third pair of cleats, a longitudinal axis of the second medial cleat extending substantially perpendicular to the medial edge of the forefoot portion;

a first lateral cleat positioned on a lateral side of the forefoot portion of the outsole forwardly of the wrap, a longitudinal axis of the first lateral cleat extending substantially parallel with a lateral edge of the forefoot portion;

a second lateral cleat positioned forwardly of the first lateral cleat, the second lateral cleat extending inwardly from its rear end at an angle with respect to the lateral edge of the forefoot portion;

a third lateral cleat positioned forwardly of the second lateral cleat, a longitudinal axis of the third lateral cleat extending substantially perpendicular to the lateral edge of the forefoot portion; and

a fourth lateral cleat positioned forwardly of the third lateral cleat, the fourth lateral cleat extending inwardly from its rear end at an angle with respect to the lateral edge of the forefoot portion.

22. The article of footwear of claim 12, wherein at least some of the cleats have a central core having a hardness higher than a remainder of the cleat.

23. The article of footwear of claim 12, wherein at least some of the cleats have a plurality of protrusions on an outer surface thereof.

24. The article of footwear of claim 23, wherein the protrusions take the form of ridges.

25. The article of footwear of claim 24, wherein each ridge extends substantially parallel to a longitudinal axis of the cleat.

26. The article of footwear of claim 24, wherein each ridge extends substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of the cleat.

27. The article of footwear of claim 1, further comprising a collar positioned on an upper edge of the upper.

28. The article of footwear of claim 27, further comprising a polymer coating on an interior surface of the collar.

29. The article of footwear of claim 1, wherein the upper is secured to the outsole with stitching.

30. The article of footwear of claim 29, further comprising a protective coating applied to the stitching.

31. The article of footwear of claim 1, further comprising three additional toe pockets, each of the toe pockets configured to receive a toe of the user.

32. The article of footwear of claim 1, further comprising a coating on a top surface of the toe pockets.

33. The article of footwear of claim 32, wherein the coating is one of polyurethane and silicone.

34. The article of footwear of claim 1, further comprising a coating on the wrap.

35. The article of footwear of claim 34, wherein the coating is one of polyurethane and silicone.

36. The article of footwear of claim 1, further comprising a coating on a bottom surface of the toe pockets.

37. The article of footwear of claim 36, wherein the coating is one of polyurethane and silicone.

38. An article of footwear for sand sports comprising, in combination;

an outsole;

an upper secured to the outsole, and having a first toe pocket configured to receive a big toe of a user and a second toe pocket configured to receive at least some of the remaining toes of the user;

a wrap extending around a midfoot portion of the outsole and the upper, and around a heel portion of the upper; and

a strap having a first end secured to a medial side of the wrap and a second end releasably secured to a lateral side of the wrap

39. The article of footwear of claim 38, further comprising a plurality of cleats secured to the outsole.

40. The article of footwear of claim 38, wherein a first end of the strap is secured to a medial side of the wrap and a second end of the strap is releasably secured to a lateral side of the wrap.

41. The article of footwear of claim 40, wherein the strap is releasably secured to the wrap with a fastener.

42. The article of footwear of claim 38, wherein the fastener further is a hook and loop fastener.

43. The article of footwear of claim 38, further comprising a collar positioned on an upper edge of the upper.

44. An article of footwear for sand sports comprising, in combination;

an outsole;

an upper secured to the outsole, and having a first toe pocket configured to receive a big toe of a user and a second toe pocket configured to receive at least some of the remaining toes of the user;

a collar positioned on an upper edge of the upper;

a polymer coating on an interior surface of the collar;

a wrap extending around a midfoot portion of the outsole and the upper, and around a heel portion of the upper;

a strap having a first end secured to a medial side of the wrap and a second end releasably secured to a lateral side of the wrap by a fastener; and

a plurality of cleats secured to the outsole.

45. The article of footwear of claim 41, wherein the fastener is a hook and loop fastener.